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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the Congleton Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1958 on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough.

The estimated population has risen by 70, the number of births is about the same and deaths have risen by 53.

Infectious diseases which, forty years ago, dominated the field as one of the principal causes of death have now been superseded by diseases of the heart and blood vessels and cancer. Once again it is satisfactory to record that no mother died in childbirth.

During the year we had one of the heaviest epidemics of measles ever recorded and a small dislocation of school work occurred as a result. Medical research must direct its attention to the production of a satisfactory vaccine against this disease. Whilst it is satisfactory to report that no death occurred it must be remembered that measles may be the precursor of lung disease which occurs later in life.

A very big task was accomplished during the year in dealing with large numbers of children and adults requiring to be vaccinated against Poliomyelitis. The fact that this was done at all was due largely to the considerable efforts of the

Clerical Staff who worked long hours, the willing co-operation of the Health Visitors, and the support of the Family Doctors.

During the year steady progress has been made with the Council's Slum Clearance programme. Four areas representing 20 houses were confirmed and a further 2 areas representing 33 houses were submitted to the Ministry. I would, however, like to see an acceleration in this work. The provision of Bungalows for old people has proceeded with the completion of ten one-bedroom type units. There appears to be a great demand for Bungalow accommodation not only from the occupants of Slum Clearance property but also from many occupants of our own Council Houses.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

L. RICH,

Medical Officer of Health.

The figures in brackets throughout this report are for 1957

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated population 15960 (15890)

BIRTHS

		Total		Male		Female	
Live Births	(Legitimate	249	(247)	131	(130)	118	(117)
	(Illegitimate	12	(3)	5	(-)	7	(3)
Still Births	(Legitimate	10	(5)	4	(2)	6	(3)
	(Illegitimate	1	(-)	1	(-)	-	(-)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population
mid. 1958 16.1 (15.5)

Live birth rate for England & Wales
per 1000 of the population 16.4 (16.1)

Still birth rate per 1000 total
(live and still) births 40.4 (19.6)

Still birth rate for England and
Wales per 1000 total
(live and still) births 21.6 (22.4)

Still birth rate per 1000 total
population .69 (.31)

Still birth rate for England and
Wales per 1000 total population .36 (.36)

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The total number of deaths is shown as follows :-

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	8 (3)	5 (3)	3 (-)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births	30.6	(12)
Infantile mortality rate for England and Wales	22.5	(23)
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	32.1	(12.1)
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	0	(0)

DEATHS	Total	Male	Female
Deaths, all ages	217 (184)	117 (86)	100 (98)
Death rate per 1000 estimated average population		13.5	(11.8)
Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population		11.7	(11.5)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic disease	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	6	4	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	6	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1	-	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	21	12	9
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Diabetes	1	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous systems	38	13	25
Coronary disease, angina	35	22	13
Hypertension with heart disease	5	2	3
Other heart diseases	23	10	13
Other circulatory disease	15	9	6
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	3	1	2
Bronchitis	14	9	5
Other diseases of respiratory system	4	3	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	3	2	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	2	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	4	3	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	19	11	8
Motor vehicle accidents	3	2	1
All other accidents	6	5	1
Suicide	1	-	1
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total	217	117	100

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes : -

	No. of Deaths.	
Puerperal Sepsis	0	(0)
Other Maternal causes	0	(0)
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>(0)</u>

Maternal Mortality rate per 1000 live
and still births

0 (0)

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus

	Male	Female	Total
1950	1	-	1
1951	3	1	4
1952	4	-	4
1953	2	1	3
1954	4	1	5
1955	3	-	3
1956	6	2	8
1957	4	1	5
1958	6	-	6

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows :-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Miss M. Corbishley, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.	Park Street Clinic, Congleton. Tel.No.2095.
Miss D. Austin, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.I.D.N.S.	Park Street Clinic, Congleton. Tel.No.2095

I am pleased to report a larger attendance at the Ante-Natal Clinic as well as at the Infant Welfare Centre. The figures of mothers attending the Preparation Classes has grown steadily and it is remarkable how the demand for this service has grown, no doubt due to the favourable publicity given from time to time in Women's Magazines and Broadcasting. This work has been accepted by the Hospitals and Specialists who often refer mothers to us. It is time too that the Family Doctor realised the value to his practice of the benefits his patients could obtain by using these Classes. The effect on the young mother is really remarkable. The change which takes place from being a very frightened person not knowing quite what is going to happen to her to a confident mother has to be seen to be appreciated. It is remarkable too how it cuts short the period of labour.

During the year the tenancy at 12, West Street, was relinquished and the County Council building in Park Street was suitably adapted as a temporary measure to deal with all the Health and Welfare Services of the town. Although considerable improvements have been made in the accommodation and we are able to function reasonably well, there is no doubt that serious consideration must be given to the establishment of a more permanent clinic centre at the Park Lane Site.

STATISTICS

Mothers' Clinics	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held.
Ante-natal	117 (105)	636 (535)	50 (50)
Dental :-			
Pre-natal	8 (6)	15 (14)	
Nursing Mothers	8 (5)	37 (7)	
Dentures supplied		3 (3)	

Infant Welfare

New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held.	Cases seen by Doctor.	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor.
0-1 1-2 2-5 208 - - (149)(-)(-)	0-1 1-2 2-5 1706 176 172 (1511)(192)(141)	48 (48)	820 (770)	17 (16)

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Opthalmic Clinic	6 (5)	24 (20)	16 (17)	1.5 (1.1)
E.N.T. Clinic	1 (-)	1 (-)	4 (4)	.2 (-)

Welfare Foods

The handling of this service has proceeded efficiently. No complaints have been received during the year, and all demands were satisfied.

The present arrangements are that National Dried Milk, Vitamin Tablets, Cod Liver Oil and Orange Juice, may be obtained each week-day except Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 a.m., from the Clinic at Park Street, Congleton.

Welfare Foods Sold - 1958

Distribution Centre	National Dried Milk		A. & D. Tablets	Cod Liver Oil	Orange Juice
	F. Cream	H. Cream			
Park Street Clinic Congleton.	5805 (6884)	153 (107)	1129 (824)	1140 (1509)	9023 (12937)

Day Nursery

Despite the fact that there was a heavy epidemic of measles during the year the average attendance remained high and was in excess of last year.

An overhaul of the Fire Safety precautions was undertaken during the year and considerable improvements were effected.

A new washing machine with boiler, and a spin dryer were provided and the small refrigerator from the office was transferred to the Nursery. It is proposed to re-decorate the Nursery early in the new year.

Day Nursery - Attendances 1958

	Average No. Attending	Total Attendances
0-2 years	12 (9)	2899 (2228)
2-5 years	27.2 (30.2)	6714 (7408)

Jan. %	Feb. %	Mar. %	Apr. %	May %	June %	July %	Aug. %	Sept. %	Oct. %	Nov. %	Dec. %	1958 %
100.8 (99.9)	98.2 (104.7)	98.8 (108.2)	97.8 (100.8)	98.4 (103.2)	109.7 (95.7)	103 (87.5)	93.6 (71.9)	100.6 (86.8)	72.6 (100)	105.2 (105.7)	102.2 (100)	98.4 (97)

Midwifery

The two midwives employed by the Cheshire County Council are :-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel.No.</u>
D.H.Wright	"Ewanrigg", Giantswood Lane, Congleton.	Congleton 240
M.Williams	115, Woolston Avenue, Congleton.	Congleton 690

In addition, Nurse M.S. Bowman, 4, High Lowe Avenue, Congleton, combines the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

I am pleased to report an increase in the number of births carried out in the home and there is still scope for more to take place here.

Births 1958

Hospital		Home		Private N. Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
167	10	96	-	-	-
(169)	(5)	(76)	(-)	(1)	(-)

Home Nursing.

Two District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough. They both occupy Council Houses.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel.No.</u>
M.S. Bowman	4, High Lowe Ave., Congleton. Congleton 444	
R. Ward	24, The Westlands, Congleton. Congleton 2104	

Public Health Laboratory Service

Samples of water, milk, ice-cream and food are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Stafford as and when required.

Vaccination and Immunisation

The year has been dominated by the Poliomyelitis Vaccination Scheme but nevertheless immunisation against the other diseases has gone on much as usual. Members were concerned about the apparent lack of publicity in connection with Diphtheria Immunisation and this matter has been taken up with the Ministry. A special film has been prepared for showing on Television and will also be made available for showing in local cinemas.

It has also been considered advisable to include Tetanus Immunogen in the Combined Antigen now being used against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough and this is now becoming the standard practice.

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Statistics

Diphtheria Immunisation

Pre-school children	50	(6)
School children	2	(1)
	<hr/> 52	<hr/> (7)
Re-inforcing injections	50	(29)

Whooping Cough Immunisation

Pre-school children	13	(3)
School children	5	(1)
	<hr/> 18	<hr/> (4)

Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria and Whooping Cough)

Pre-school children	126	(182)
School children	-	(4)
	<hr/> 126	<hr/> (186)

Primary Vaccination

Pre-school children	110	(80)
School children	5	(7)
Adults	16	(5)
	<hr/> 131	<hr/> (92)

Re-Vaccination

Pre-school children	-	(1)
School children	1	(1)
Adults	15	(25)
	<hr/> 16	<hr/> (27)

Ambulance and Sitting Case Car Transport

There has been an increase in the ambulance and sitting-case car mileages.

I am well satisfied with the general turn-out and maintenance of the ambulances and it is satisfactory to report that each of the Ambulance Drivers received a Safe Driving Award Certificate during the year.

Ambulance Figures - 1958

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jne.	Jly.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mileages	2677 (3082)	1912 (2494)	2151 (2200)	2934 (2466)	3215 (2823)	2358 (3091)	2972 (2378)	2003 (2411)	3412 (2715)	3603 (2664)	2518 (3085)	3377 (2558)
Journeys	115 (114)	81 (98)	114 (108)	122 (122)	136 (124)	117 (130)	120 (116)	95 (119)	144 (120)	151 (141)	122 (136)	136 (118)
Patients	359 (420)	285 (340)	387 (305)	488 (312)	487 (328)	431 (380)	431 (286)	324 (338)	601 (377)	605 (341)	401 (451)	487 (307)

Sitting-Case Car Figures -1958

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jne.	Jly.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mileages	4260 (2799)	3198 (3816)	4013 (3500)	3662 (2914)	4156 (4183)	3967 (3975)	3854 (4512)	3727 (3932)	4811 (3509)	3407 (4233)	3668 (4356)	3428 (3595)
Journeys	126 (111)	104 (109)	118 (123)	119 (102)	138 (128)	127 (114)	143 (139)	114 (116)	126 (105)	95 (142)	107 (130)	115 (123)
Patients	440 (400)	416 (449)	432 (394)	446 (267)	420 (360)	402 (350)	504 (494)	396 (385)	410 (322)	438 (469)	386 (409)	322 (321)

Domestic Help Service

The demands for this Service continue to be high, and I am pleased to report that most of them in Congleton continue to be met.

Home Helps employed during 1958

Full time	..	..	-	(-)
Temporary	..	..	27	(29)
Casual	..	..	5	(3)
			<hr/> 32	<hr/> (32)
			<hr/>	<hr/>

Home Helps employed at 31st December, 1958.

Full time	..	..	-	(-)
Temporary	..	..	19	(20)
Casual	..	..	1	(-)
			<hr/> 20	<hr/> (20)
			<hr/>	<hr/>

Applications received during 1958

Confinement	..	..	2	(3)
Sickness	..	..	8	(7)
Tuberculosis	..	..	-	(1)
Aged and infirm	..	..	21	(23)
			<hr/> 31	<hr/> (34)
			<hr/>	<hr/>

Cases attended during 1958

Confinement	..	..	1	(1)
Sickness	..	..	11	(8)
Tuberculosis	..	..	-	(-)
Aged and infirm	..	..	68	(57)
			<hr/> 80	<hr/> (66)
			<hr/>	<hr/>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr.H.S.Halpin, Borough Engineer and Surveyor, for the following information.

Water Supply

During the year the following quantities of water have been supplied from the various sources in the Borough :-

Hug Bridge Pumping station -	380,000	galls.per	day
Forge Lane Pumping station -	369,000	"	" "
Buglawton Borehole	- 59,000	"	" "
	808,000	"	" "

Supplies have been continued to the Mid. and South-East Cheshire Water Board to the extent of approximately 75,800 galls.per day from the total quantity of water supplied.

Samples of water have been submitted for analysis from time to time to the County Analyst and the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, and in all cases the chemical and bacteriological examinations have proved to be quite satisfactory.

The hardness of the water at present supplied from Forge Lane is 27 parts per 100,000 whilst Hug Bridge water has a total hardness of 19 and the Buglawton Borehole approximately 5 parts per 100,000.

During the year the Electrification Scheme at the Forge Lane Pumping Station was completed.

Water main extensions were completed at Holmeschapel Road and Moss Road.

Schemes were in progress for new water main extensions at Giantswood Lane, Buglawton Housing Site, Bromley Farm Estate, Off Cross Lane and Eaton Bank, Buglawton.

Drainage and Sewerage

During the year tenders were invited for the West Heath Sewerage Scheme and the contract commenced on January 1st, 1959. This scheme will provide main drainage facilities for an area of approximately 260 acres in an area which has been scheduled for private residential development. In addition, the scheme will enable approximately 100 existing properties to be connected to the public sewers.

Work has also proceeded during the year on the preparation of plans and contract documents in connection with the scheme for the extension of the Sewage Disposal Works, which it is proposed to put out to contract in the early part of 1959.

Public Cleansing

A total of 4,600 tons of house refuse has been collected and disposed of by controlled tipping during the year.

Salvage

A total of 138 tons 3 cwts. 1 qr. of waste Paper was collected and disposed of during the year at a value of £1,032. 7s. 11d.

Housing

Number of Council houses completed in 1958 :-

Houses	..	..	-	(94)
Single Person Flats	..	..	-	(2)
2 Bed Maisonettes	..	..	-	(2)
Shops	-	(-)
1-Bedroom type Bungalows			22	(10)

Private houses completed in 1958	31	(27)
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Number of applicants on the Waiting List at 31st Dec., 1958, (excluding applications for aged persons' bungalows)	366	(262)
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Number of visits re housing applications by Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector			18	(34)
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PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
DISEASE

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1958

	Age Distribution											Total	Cases Admitted to Hospital
	Under 1	1- 2	2- 3	3- 4	4- 5	5- 10	10- 15	15- 20	20- 35	35- 45	45- 65 and over		
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Measles	20	39	53	77	71	343	16	1	2	1	-	623	1
Pneumonia	1	1	-	1	1	2	2	-	2	1	4	18	1
Scarlet Fever	-	2	4	2	-	19	2	-	-	-	-	29	17
Whooping Cough	2	3	1	4	2	3	-	-	1	-	-	16	-

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1958 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1949.

Notifications - 1949 to 1958

	1949		1950		1951		1952		1953		1954		1955		1956		1957		1958	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
Male																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5			1									2								
5 - 15	2		1		1		1		4		2	1								
15 - 25					1				1				5							
25 - 35	3		3		1		1				1		1		1		1			
35 - 45	2		2				1						1				3		1	
45 - 55	1		2								1		3		4		2		2	
55 - 65	1		1		2		2						1		2		2			
65 & Over					1		1		2				1		1					
Female																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5					1								1							
5 - 15	2				1				2			1								
15 - 25	1		5		5		2						1		2		3		1	
25 - 35					1		2		1				2				1		1	
35 - 45			4				1		2				2		1		1			
45 - 55			1										2				1			
55 - 65			1										2				1			
65 & Over													1							
Total	10	7	20	3	13	4	9	4	6	10	6	5	21	1	12		15	1	4	1

Deaths - 1949-1958

	1949		1950		1951		1952		1953		1954		1955		1956		1957		1958	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
Male																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5				1																
5 - 15																				
15 - 25					1															
25 - 35	1				1				1						1					
35 - 45	1			1						1					2					
45 - 55				1			2						1							
55 - 65				1	1							1				1				
65 & over						1				1	1		1		3				1	
Female																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5														1						
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35																				
35 - 45	1								1											
45 - 55														1						
55 - 65																				
65 & over																				
Total	4	-	3	1	3	2	2	-	2	2	2	3	1	6	-	2	-	1	-	-

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December, 1958, were as follows :-

	Up to 1 yr.	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65 & over.	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	2	5	6	16	14	7	3	53
Female Pulmonary	-	1	-	5	16	11	9	11	1	54
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	8	3	2	4	2	-	-	19
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	2	3	-	-	2	3	2	12

The following Sections of this report cover the work of the Public Health Inspector's Department and have been compiled by Mr. R. G. Winston, the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Work on the Slum Clearance programme was re-commenced in the second half of the year and Orders of various kinds became operative in respect of 51 houses. Re-housing of occupants continued throughout the year and 54 houses were vacated.

The task of Meat Inspection continued to occupy a great deal of time (and overtime) and 100% inspection of all animals slaughtered was carried out. This, however, has meant that the time spent on other statutory duties still has had to be considerably reduced.

Formal observations were made on factory chimneys and in five cases smoke was emitted in excess of that allowed under the Clean Air Act. Good progress was made at the premises concerned by the installation of new plant or other improvements.

Complaints

During the year 220 complaints were received and investigated; 55 of these were unfounded.

52 were found to be relating to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters and were referred to the Departments concerned.

Public Health Act, 1936.

Nuisances

Following the complaints and as a result of routine survey, 142 houses were inspected, a total

of 199 nuisances were found and 127 informal notices were issued. In 9 cases statutory notices were served. 770 visits were made to houses previously inspected and 256 nuisances were found to be abated. 124 informal and 11 statutory notices were complied with. 4 statutory notices were served under the provisions of Section 99 of the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953, requiring stoppages to be removed from drains.

Drainage.

The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 298 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.

Water supply.

Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the town's systems of supply and sent to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Stafford, for Bacteriological examination. The reports on samples submitted showed satisfactory results.

Disinfestation.

D.D.T. and Gammexane compounds in liquid and powder form are used for this purpose, and successful results have been obtained.

The houses and household effects of new tenants for Council houses are inspected and where necessary disinfestation is undertaken before removal. For this and other reasons, 64 inspections have been carried out and 11 premises treated.

Conversion of Pails, etc.

The Council's resolution to make a grant of £5 towards the cost of conversion of pails to water closets was continued. No application for grant was made.

Offensive Trades.

One premises is registered for tripe boiling. No complaints were received in connection with the trade. 4 inspections were carried out during the year.

Infectious Disease and Disinfection.

Enquiries have been made into 32 cases of infectious disease. Disinfection of premises following these, and removals and deaths of T.B. cases, has been carried out and where necessary infected bedding has been taken to the Isolation Hospital, Macclesfield, for disinfection by steam.

Infected library books are treated with gaseous fumigant before return for circulation.

Caravans.

55 visits have been made in connection with the control of moveable dwellings.

Public Mortuary.

This service is under the charge of the Department and during the year there were 16 admissions.

Housing Act, 1957

82 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Act, and 304 re-visits were made to houses previously inspected.

25 houses in Clearance Areas were demolished and 4 areas cleared.

6 Demolition Orders were made, 4 Closing Orders on whole houses, and one Closing Order of part of a building. 5 individual unfit houses were demolished.

4 Clearance Areas comprising 20 houses were confirmed.

2 Clearance Areas, comprising a total of 33 houses were represented, Compulsory Purchase Orders made and submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

Improvement Grants.

13 applications were received during the year and all were granted. 63 visits were made for the purpose of advising owners, inspecting following applications, supervision of work, while in progress and on completion.

Rent Act, 1957Certificates of Disrepair.

5 applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair and in 4 cases notice of the Council's intention to issue a certificate was served upon the owner. 3 owners submitted Undertakings to carry out the work specified and in one case a

Certificate of Disrepair was issued to the tenant. In one case a Certificate was not issued due to the age and character of the house.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

319 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 85 contraventions were found and 31 informal notices issued. On re-inspection 135 contraventions had been abated, and 34 notices fully complied with.

Ice-cream.

There are 10 premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream, all use the "cold mix" method.

64 premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream.

33 inspections have been made.

8 samples were taken for bacteriological examination and the reports showed that 7 were Grade 1 and one Grade 4. The Grade 4 on re-sampling was Grade 1.

Preserved Food.

41 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc.) and 13 inspections of these premises were carried out.

Slaughterhouses.

The five private Slaughterhouses continued operating throughout the year and all licences were renewed in June.

1927 visits were made to these premises during the year to carry out meat inspection and the carcasses and offal of all animals killed were inspected.

Disposal of Condemned Meat.

All meat and offal condemned is sold to Messrs. Beesons Bros. Ltd. of Crewe, and the firm undertake the collection from the slaughterhouses on the Council's behalf. Expenses are deducted and the balance is paid to the slaughterhouse occupiers.

The weights of meat and offal are shown in the tables.

£274. 15s. 10d. has been received from Messrs. Beesons Bros. Ltd., and paid to the slaughterhouse occupiers.

Deadweight Certification of Pigs.

The Council continued to operate the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's Fatstock Guarantee Scheme for deadweight certification of pigs at two of the private slaughterhouses until February 17th.

During that period 119 clean pigs were certified under the provisions of the scheme, for which the Council was re-imbursed £3. 9s. 6d. from the Ministry.

Tuberculosis Order, 1938.

No animals were slaughtered under the provisions of the above Order.

Congenital Tuberculosis in Calves.

During the year no calf carcasses were found to be affected with Congenital Tuberculosis.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933-1954.

The stunning of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means of captive bolt pistols.

2 slaughterman's licences were issued and 21 renewed during the year.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

Registered are 8 Dairies and 58 Distributors.

Under the Special Designation Regulations, 21 licences have been issued for Tuberculin Tested Milk, 18 for Pasteurised Milk and 62 for Sterilised Milk.

13 visits have been made in connection with registration and licensing.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The Council has one full time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

80 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and

general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no statutory notices have been served.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers.

It is estimated that there are 600 manholes in the Borough, a test bait of 10% of these was undertaken and two treatments carried out during the year.

At the first treatment 37 manholes were pre-baited, 10 showed "Takes" and were poisoned; at the second, 54 manholes were pre-baited and no "Takes" were recorded.

Shops Act, 1950.

13 inspections have been carried out under the provisions of the Act, 5 contraventions were noted and as a result 2 informal notices were served. 6 notices were complied with and 18 contraventions remedied.

Factory Act, 1937.

128 inspections have been made. 10 contraventions were found and 131 remedied.

Outworkers.

A total of 15 outworkers are shown as employed by factories in the area on the lists

submitted in accordance with Section 110 of the Act. All are engaged on the making, altering or repairing of wearing apparel.

Section 34.

12 Certificates have been granted during 1958 in respect of adequate means of escape in case of fire, under Section 34 of the Factories Act, 1937.

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Summary of visits and inspections

<u>General</u>		<u>No. of Visits.</u>
Water supply	..	42
Drainage	..	298
Stables & Piggeries	..	13
Caravans	..	5
Factories	..	128
Rats and Mice	..	80
Schools	..	3
Shops Act	..	13
Miscellaneous Visits	..	503
Interviewing & appointments	..	243
Atmospheric Pollution	..	119
Pet Shops	..	2
Swimming Baths	..	4
Farms	..	8
Cinemas	..	7
Hairdressers	..	3
Refuse Disposal	..	9

Housing - Under Public Health Act.

No. of houses inspected	..	142
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	..	770

Under Housing Acts.

No. of houses inspected	..	82
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	..	304

Verminous Premises.

No. of inspections	..	64
Found verminous and disinfested	..	11
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	..	103
Improvement Grants	..	63
Infectious Disease	..	32
Visits re Disinfection	..	28
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	..	9

Food Premises and Food Inspection.

Visits to Slaughterhouses	..	1927
Butchers	..	46
Fishmongers and Poulterers	..	2
Grocers	..	122
Dairies and Milkshops	..	13
Ice-cream Premises	..	33
Food preparing premises	..	13
Bakehouses	..	17
Market Stalls	..	4

Restaurants	..	27
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	..	27
Licensed premises	..	14
Miscellaneous	..	8
Factory Canteens	..	14
Vehicles	..	4
Total :		<u>5359</u>

Summary of Notices Served.

No. of informal notices served	..	137
No. of informal notices complied with	..	142
No. of statutory notices served	..	-
No. of statutory notices complied with	..	20

Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925-1932.

No. of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	..	56
No. of houses, the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers under Public Health or Housing Acts	..	124
No. of representations made to the local authority with a view to:-		
(a) serving of notices requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..		9
(b) the making of demolition or closing orders	..	11

No. of notices served requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	..	9
No. of houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notices (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	..	124
No. of Demolition Orders made	..	6
No. of Closing Orders made	..	5
No. of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under sub-section (2) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936	..	-
No. of houses demolished	..	30
No. of Closing Orders under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953, determined ..		4

Food & Drugs Act, 1938.

Food Premises.

Number of food premises in the area by type of business is as follows:-

Butchers	26
Canteens	23
Dairies	9
Milkshops	35
Fishmongers and	
Poulterers	6
Greengrocers	13
Grocers & Confectioners	111
Restaurants & Cafe	28
Bakehouses	13

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

Total number of Animals slaughtered and inspected

	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
1956	11	477	2000	1444	493	10671	5045	20140
1957	1	292	1716	1721	393	9488	4012	17623
1958	3	271	2469	1288	289	10342	4525	19187

Total Weight of Meat Condemned.

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Beef	4	6	1	16
Mutton	-	13	1	1
Pork	-	13	2	23
Veal	-	5	1	2
Offal	15	10	3	9
Total	21	9	1	23

Particulars of Animals slaughtered at each of the private slaughterhouses.

Slaughterhouses	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E. & G. Vernon, West Street.	-	-	178	23	2	678	201	1082
J. Clowes Antrobus Street.	-	-	22	25	-	-	1	48
J.F. Longman Princess Street.	2	271	1778	1209	286	9001	3350	15897
Co-op.Society, Ltd., Moor Street.	1	-	376	25	-	406	808	1616
W. Goodwin, Wagg Street.	-	-	115	6	1	257	165	544

Weight of Meat condemned at each of the Private Slaughterhouses.

	Beef lbs.	Mutton lbs.	Veal lbs.	Pork lbs.	Offal lbs.
E. & G. Vernon	-	290	45	20	1112
J. Clowes	-	-	-	-	218
J. F. Longman	7647	1043	515	1308	27607
Co-op. Society	792	152	-	207	4986
W. Goodwin	1237	-	30	-	880
	9676	1485	590	1535	48079

Other Foods Condemned.

	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Canned Foods	9	1	13	1
Other Foods	1	-	18	2

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in
Part or Whole

	Cattle Ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	1562	2469	289	10342	4525
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	6	13	36	12
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	671	1016	2	1117	555
Percentage affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis					
1956	28.26	26.00	3.04	9.31	10.50
1957	39.37	38.75	3.31	9.25	13.46
1958	42.95	41.35	5.19	11.15	12.53
<u>Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	7	-	-	4
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	181	562	1	-	118
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis					
1956	10.24	19.75	0.20	-	5.60
1957	12.46	22.09	0.51	-	4.46
1958	11.71	23.04	0.35	-	2.7
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	25	21	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted for treatment by refrigeration	5	2	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

		Cattle Ex.Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Percentage affected with						
Cysticercosis	1956	1.03	0.90	-	-	-
	1957	1.64	0.82	-	-	-
	1958	1.60	0.84	-	-	-

Prevalence of Rats and Mice

	Type of Property			All other (including Business & Industrial.	Total
	Local Authority	Dwelling- houses	Agricult- ural		
Total No.of properties in Local Authority's district.	37	5246	104	1025	6412
No.of properties inspected as a result of :-					
(a) Notification	7	118	7	63	195
(b) Otherwise	23	149	32	92	296
No.of properties found to be infested by rats.	Major - Minor 17	- 104	- 11	- 48	- 180
No.of properties found to be infested by mice.	1	57	-	44	102
No.of infested properties treated by Local Authority	20	149	8	82	259

Factory Act, 1937

Inspections

Premises	Number on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	No. of Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	5	15	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	130	113	4	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-
	135	128	4	-

Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were	
	Found	Remedied
Sanitary Conveniences		
(a) Insufficient	-	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	130
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-
Total	10	131

